

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please insert the following paragraph before paragraph [0001] on page 2 of the specification (i.e. before the "Field of Invention" section):

**-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is related to the following co-pending U.S. patent applications:

1) U.S. Patent Application Number 10/718,103 entitled, "Method and Apparatus for Implementing Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Capabilities in an Open Platform," Attorney Docket Number 42P17642, assigned to the assignee of the present invention and filed November 19, 2003; 2) U.S. Patent Application Number 10/744,120 entitled, "A Method and Apparatus for Providing a Trusted Time Stamp in an Open Platform", Attorney Docket Number 42P17643, assigned to the assignee of the present invention and filed December 22, 2003; 3) U.S. Patent Application Number 10/718,369 entitled "Providing Services to an Open Platform Implementing Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Capabilities," Attorney Docket Number 42P17644, assigned to the assignee of the present invention and filed November 19, 2003; and 4) U.S. Patent Application Number 10/881,658 entitled "System Including a Wireless Wide Area Network (WWAN) Module with an External Identity Module Reader and Approach for Certifying the WWAN Module," Attorney Docket Number 42P18589, assigned to the assignee of the present application and filed June 29, 2004. --